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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Glasgow, Howard County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built 1866. Endowed by Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis.

"In 1866, Colonel B.W. Lewis died from the effects of a carbuncle on the neck, but in his will, he directed his executors to set apart the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purchase and maintenance of a library in the city of Glasgow, which should be under the control and management of a board of trustees appointed by the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Missouri, and should be open to the citizens of the town as a circulating library...In the same year, his widow Mrs. Eleanor T. Lewis, his son, Benjamin W. Lewis, Jr., and Major James W. Lewis erected, at a cost of nearly \$26,000, the handsome building known as the Lewis Library building." (From, The History of Howard and Cooper Counties, Missouri, National Historical Company, St. Louis, 1883, p.230)

Designed by John Aldridge in the Italianate style. Within the arcaded entranceway, two cast-iron stairways lead to the second and library floor still furnished with the original cabinets, shelves, desks, and chairs.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.